

ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION:

1 Thess. 4:1-3

1 Th 4:1 *Furthermore then:* I have more to add

Beseech: to interrogate, request, ask, desire, entreat. Idea of begging.

Exhort: to invite or invoke or implore. *to call to oneside, to comfort.*

by the Lord Jesus In virtue of relationship with Lord Jesus. By authority of Lord Jesus.

that as ye have received of us You learned from us

how ye ought to walk to conduct yourself, live out your Christian experience,

Rom 6:4; 8:1; 13:13; 1 Cor 3:3; 2 Cor 5:7; Gal 5:16; Eph 2:10 ; 4:1, 17; 5: 2, 8

Walking implies:

1. Progression

2. Strength.

... and to please God. Lifestyle lived in such a way that it makes God happy

Gal 1:10; 1 Th 2:4; Phil 2:13; Heb 11:5

Implies:

❖ Much more than obeying Him and Word.

❖ Obeying Him with a right spirit. Ie. Jonah

Eph 6:6 Obedient to the Unenforceable

...doing the will of God from the heart; Doing what God wants us to do with an inward desire to please Him! Agreeable to God.

1 Th 4:1 *... abound more and more.* Not satisfied with spiritual walk. Growing in spiritual walk.

Clarke: God sets no bounds to the communications of his grace and Spirit to them that are faithful. And as there are no bounds to the graces, so there should be none to the exercise of those graces. No man can ever feel that he loves God too much, or that he loves man too much for God's sake.

1 Th 4:2 You are aware of guidelines we gave you in how to please the Lord.

Commandments: military term...specific rules and regulations and orders handed down from the superior officers.

1 Th 4:3 Really want to obey God? Live a sanctified life and stay away from sexual immorality.

Sanctification: Holy, separate, pure.

Fornication: All kinds of illicit or unnatural sexual indulgence Sexual involvement outside of the marriage union.

ISBE: *Every form of unchastity.*

Vines: *Illicit sexual intercourse.*

IBLP: *Unlawful sexual activity outside the marriage relationship.*

Ernest Best: *Sexual sin of all types.*

Fornicator--impure and immoral person. Unmarried person who participates in sexual relationships.

Sanctification means purity.

1. An individual whose lifestyle involves sexual immorality does not have a personal relationship with God. Rom 14:1; 1 John 3:9
2. An individual whose lifestyle involves sexual immorality must be disciplined by the church. 1 Cor 5:1-5, 9, 13
3. God's design for sex is marriage

Ogilvie: *Sexual loving apart from marriage is out of bounds, not because sex is bad, but because it is so good. Sex is holy. It is set apart for special use.*

- Sexual relationships outside of marriage union are sin! Heb 13:4
- Sexual activity defiles a person: Matt 15:19,20
- A person involved in sexual activity has to push God out of mind and is a reprobate: Rom 1:28,29
- Don't eat with professing Christian involved in fornication 1 Cor. 5:9-11
- Run from fornication. 1 Cor. 6:18
- Fornication is a sin against the body 1 Cor 6:18
- If involved in an illicit sexual activity—reproach that never wiped away. Prov 6:32-33
- To avoid fornication get married: 1 Cor 7:2
- God commands not to commit fornication: 1 Cor 10:8